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racetrack industry is going through a hard time, is not the time to increase it to five. Let's leave it where it is at this time. Let's move the bill because it is a bill that is needed by the racing industry, and there is harmony with all of the five tracks. They did not want any additional member on the Racing Commission. So with that, I would oppose the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Elmer, followed by Senator Robak.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Robak, would you respond to a question, please?

SENATOR ROBAK: Yes.

SENATOR ELMER: Now Senator Schellpeper mentioned the additional expense in having two commissioners, could you comment on about how much it would...how much additional money it would cost to add your commissioners?

SENATOR ROBAK: I believe the fiscal statement said like \$4,000, but actually the only expense would be their...the only fiscal impact would be the commissioners' expenses, and I think they could utilize the existing funds that they have now with the two other members. I don't think it would be impacted that much, if they knew what they were doing.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Senator Robak. I know that the racing industry in the state does handle many millions of dollars in handle, and we have three individuals who are trying to govern all of that activity, and I believe that we might have a more even type of a government...governing of the racing industry, even though it is very heavily regulated, with an additional good head or two in the board, and I think I will support your amendment, Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Once more I will say, Madam President, members of the body, thank you. Once more I will say that this...I did not put this bill in because Columbus did not get a commissioner. I did it because I think it would be more equal representation throughout the state, and I fear for our racing